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Commander's Policy #7

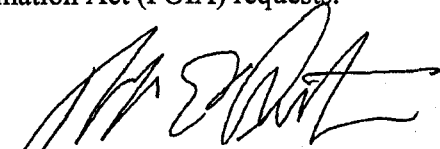
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ATEC PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Commander's Policy #7 – Release of Test and Evaluation Information by ATEC Personnel

1. Official information intended for public release that pertains to military matters, national security issues, or subjects of significant concern to the Department of Defense must be cleared by Public Affairs Offices (PAO) and Security Offices prior to release. This includes all information concerning test and evaluation of Army equipment not expressly approved by an ATEC PAO for public release.
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3. ATEC Commanders and their designated representatives, the Public Affairs Officers, are the only individuals within ATEC authorized to release information from ATEC to the public or media pertaining to ongoing test and evaluation matters. Requests made to ATEC for public or media release of test and evaluation information must be forwarded to the servicing ATEC PAO for review. Requests for information from private industry or individuals will be processed as public information releases or Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.


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